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WITH US DIPLOMATS

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1. AKHBAR JULY 14 FRONTPAGES FEATURE RTOY BY STAFFER MIRIAM RUBAIN HEADLINED "PALESTINIANS-AMERICAN CONTACTS PAVE THE WAY FOR HIGH LEVAL MEETINGS." TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE:PALESTINIAN SOURCES IN CAIRO TOLD AL AKHBAR THAT AMERICAN-PALESTINIAN CONTACTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED DURING THE LAST WEEKS IN MORE THAN ONE EUROPEAN AND UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICAN CAPITAL TO PAVE THEY WAY FOR HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS

TO BE MADE SHORTLY BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

COMMENTING ON RECENT AMERICAN STATEMENTS, THE PALESTINIAN SOURCES SAID THAT THE PALESTINIAN REVULUTION CONSIDERED THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE A NDW ONE TOWARDS THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND THE PAL-ESTINIAN PEOPLE IMPOSED BY THE EFFECTS OF THE OCTOBER WAR AND THE MARCH OF THE PALESTINIAN ARMED STRUGGLE.

THROUGH FALLING SHORT OF OUR PEOPLES AMBITIONS, WE CONSIDER THIS NEW ATTITUDE A CONCESSION, BECAUSE IT IS FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT AMERICA, AND ISRAEL TOO, RECOGNIZE THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE EXIST, WHICH IS THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT GOLDA MEIR USED TO REITERIATE I.E. THAT PALESTINE IS A LAND WITHOUT A PEOPLE, THESE SOURCES SAID.

THE PALESTINIAN SOURCES CONSIDER THIS AMERICAN STEP AN ADVANCE, THOUGH NOT A MAJOR ONE BECAUSE IT DOES NOT CONFORM TO ALL THE PALESTINIAN DEMANDS AND IS ALSO LESS THAN THE MINIMUM OF THESE DEMANDS.

HOWEVER, WE PUT THIS RECOGNITION ON RECORD AND SUPPORT IT IN BID TO OBTAIN BIGGER VICTORIES AND GREATER CONCESSIONS FROM AMERICAN AND ISRAEL TOO, THE SOURCES SAID. UNQUOTE
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